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Cal Poly University Police Investigate Attempted Robbery in Poly Canyon Village

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Cal Poly University Police are actively investigating an attempted robbery that took place around 12:15 a.m. today.

The University Police Department (UPD) received a call about an attempted robbery near Poly Canyon Village Parking Structure No.271 30 minutes after the incident.

The victim, who is not a Cal Poly student, reported that he was visiting a friend in Poly Canyon Village. He was walking alone to his car – parked on the third-floor entry level of the structure, when he noticed an unknown male subject looking into other parked vehicles. The victim continued walking toward his car and was approached by the suspect, who produced a knife and demanded all the victim's belongings.

When the victim denied having any belongings, the suspect raised the knife in a slashing motion towards the victim, cutting his shirt and leaving a scratch on the victim's chest. The victim and suspect briefly struggled until the suspect fled the area running towards the main entrance of the parking structure. The victim followed the suspect. The last known direction of the suspect was towards Truckee Road, leaving Poly Canyon Village.

The victim received minor injuries and declined medical treatment.

The suspect is described as a white male about 6 feet tall and very thin. He wore a gray sweatshirt-style jacket with a hood and faded blue jeans with rips/holes. The suspect had light brown, disheveled hair, was clean-shaven, and appeared to be in his mid-20s. He was also described as having a sunken face and dark eyes. The victim did not notice any tattoos, scars or piercings. The suspect's clothing and hair appearance led the victim to believe the man was possibly homeless.

Anyone with additional information about this incident, or the possible identity of the suspect, is asked to contact UPD at 805-756-2281. Anonymous tips or information can be texted to calpoly@tipnow.org. For emergencies dial 9-1-1.

University Police would like to remind all community members to report suspicious persons and activities and practice good safety habits. Maintain awareness of your surroundings, travel in groups, and be mindful of dangerous situations that have the potential to affect your health and safety.

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